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Amendment No. 1 to SB2615

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2615*

House Bill No. 2529

by adding the following as new sections immediately preceding the effective date section and by renumbering the effective date section accordingly:

SECTION ___. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-208, is amended by deleting that section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

In view of the continuing need for legislative oversight of programs and services for children and their families, emphasized by recent concerns regarding the foster care program and the child protective services system, the select committee on children and youth shall continue to perform legislative oversight as provided in title 3, chapter 15, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. The select committee shall continue until adjournment sine die of the general assembly convened in 2003. The provisions of this section shall not be construed or implemented in any way to prohibit or restrict appropriate review, inquiry or oversight of the department of children's services by any other standing, special or statutory committee of the general assembly.

SECTION ___. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-206, is amended by deleting the last sentence of that section.

SECTION ___. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-207, is amended by designating the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding the following as subsection (b):

Until such time as the select committee terminates, the commissioner of children's services shall report at least once each year, and as may be called upon by the committee or subcommittee thereof, concerning the performance of duties and responsibilities assigned by law to the department of children's services.